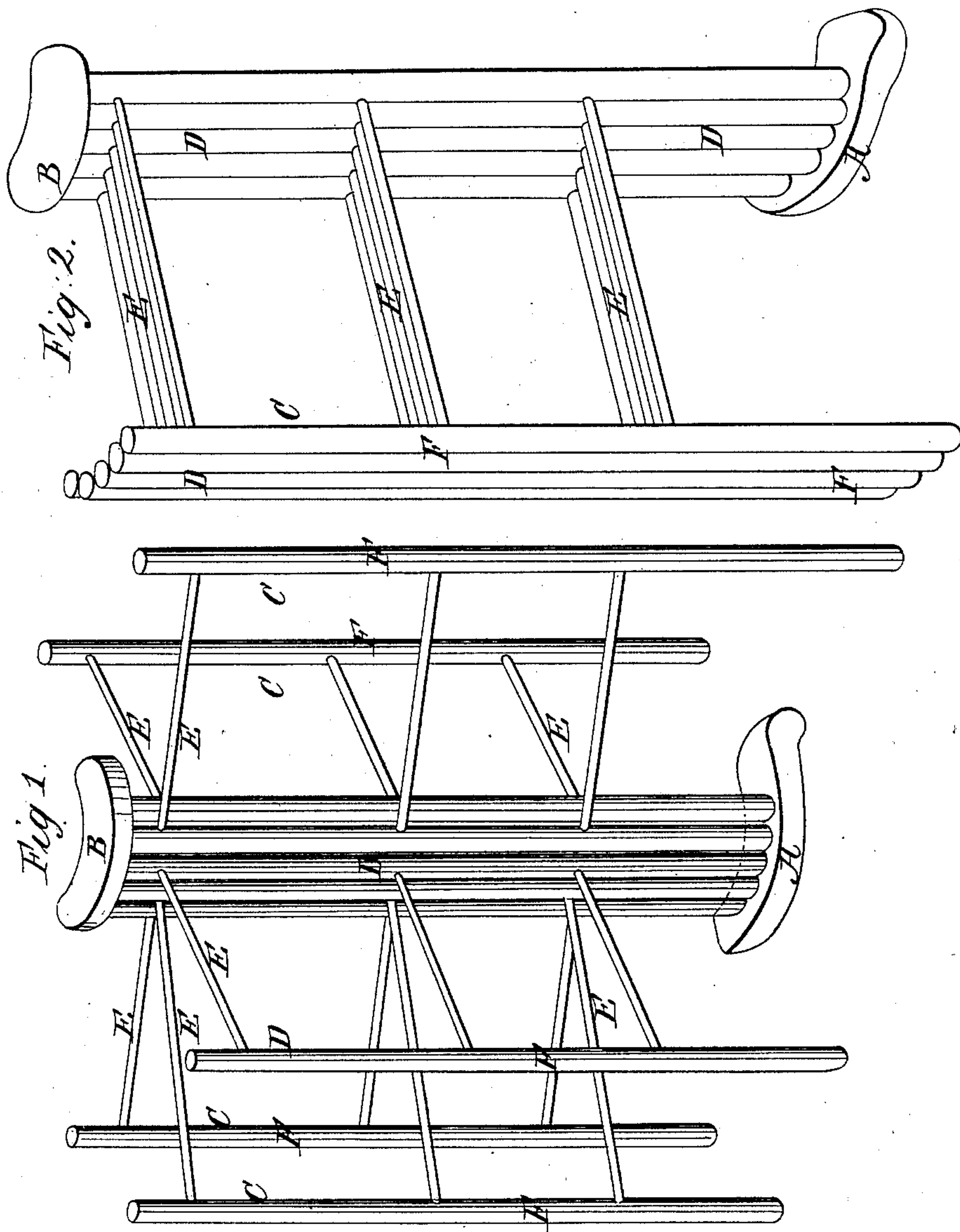


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## CLOTHES-FRAME.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, H. J. HOLMES, of Warren, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Clothes-Racks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, of which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view of the clothes frame spread open. Fig. 2, shows the same when closed.

Similar letters of reference refer to like parts in the two figures.

The nature of my invention consists in combining together a series of clothes frames for drying clothes, so that each frame will have independent bearings in two segmental pieces, which form the foot and cap pieces, and so that when the frames are closed or shut together, there will be a great economy of space, as hereinafter described.

A, B, are two segmental pieces which constitute the cap and foot bearings for the racks or frames C, each of which have pivoted bearings in these two pieces A, B, al-

lowing the opposite legs to swing or to be extended as may be desired. The central frame D, has its leg fixed rigidly to the cap and foot piece, and is stationary. E, E, are horizontal bars upon which the clothes are hung and F, F, are the legs for supporting the weight of the clothes hung upon the bars.

I have shown in the drawings five frames or racks, but these may be increased to any number demanded by prolonging the foot and cap pieces A, B, and pivoting each leg of the frames therein, so that the legs will neither recede from, nor approach each other, in adjusting the frames.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A series of vertical frames one of which has permanently affixed to it a foot piece A, and cap B, when said cap and foot pieces form suitable bearings for other frames, arranged and operating as and for the purpose set forth.

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